

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:12-cv-00360-MR-DLH

RALPH O'NEIL STARNES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

A.O. SMITH CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

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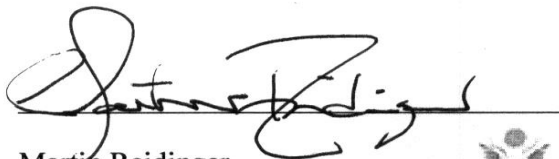
ORDER

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Dismiss Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Only [Doc. 449].

For the reasons stated in the motion, and for cause shown,

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the parties' Motion [Doc. 449] is **GRANTED**, and all of the Plaintiffs' claims against Defendant Metropolitan Life Insurance Company are hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

